

August Challenge
(2 goal)
22nd & 23rd August 2020

CONDITIONS

This tournament will be played on handicap under H.P.A Rules and Club Conditions except for the following:

1. The minimum individual handicap for a player is –2. The maximum individual handicap is 4. And no two players can exceed 4 goals. The handicap limit for teams is 2 goal. Every team member must have an H.P.A registered handicap before they may play.
2. Entry fees are to arrive at the polo office no later than 22nd August 2020. The team captain, who must sign the entry form, is responsible for ensuring that the entry fee is paid in full to the polo office before that team may play. Once a draw has been published, the team captain is responsible for the payment of the entry fee in full even if that team subsequently withdraws before or during the tournament.
3. Matches will consist of 4 chukkas. In the event of a draw at the end of the fourth chukka goals will not be widened for the fifth chukka. Play will continue until a result is achieved. A game will not finish with a draw whether the tournament is played as a league or knockout.
4. Whether the tournament is played as a league or a knockout will depend on the number of entries. Teams may be required to play ‘round robins’ as part of the tournament. Every effort will be made to provide a ‘wooden spoon’ game on Sunday but no guarantee can be given.
5. Once a draw has been published, matches will only be re-scheduled for weather.
6. Teams are required to provide an umpire for the game before or after they play. Team captains are asked to ensure that their players willingly participate. Teams are also required to provide an umpire pony saddled as for polo for their own match.
7. Team Captains must certify that all ponies have been inoculated against Equine Influenza. No ponies or grooms may wait in the safety zone during play. All jockeys must wear a hard hat when riding.
8. If a team is scheduled to play on a sponsored day, that team agrees to play in that match as ‘team name’ sponsored by ‘ABC Sponsor’. The team also agrees to wear the Sponsors team shirts if supplied.
9. Any team wishing to play a substitute must get the permission of the Tournament Committee (via the polo office) and inform their opposing team 48 hours before any match. In case of injury: the ball will be thrown in 15 minutes after the advertised start of the game. The game will be played with as many of the team as are present on the ground at that time. Any team not on the ground will forfeit the match.
10. Teams that are included in a presentation after a match must present themselves to the presentation area no later than ten minutes after the final bell in their team shirts.
11. There will **NOT** be a vet on the ground. There will be a vet on call, Ben Mayes, Mayes & Scrine Veterinary Practice, 01306 628222 or Ben 07771 917833 or Judy 07771 917836 or Alistair 07771 917834.

Entry Fee £450

***All games are subject to a £50 Professional Umpire Fee Per Game**